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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PROPOSED BY:** FREEHOLDER TIMBERLAKE  
**SUBJECT:**

**AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(a)  
**AUTHORITY FOR ACTION** C.C.E 3: 2-29 (B)

**IN MEMORIAM**

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**DR. JOHN W. COSBY, JR.**

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WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., of Montclair, New Jersey, is being remembered upon his passing from this life on Monday, January 18, 2016, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., was born to the late John William Cosby Sr., and Addis (Washington) Cosby on January 24, 1932, in Greenville, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., and his family moved to South Orange, New Jersey where Addis' sister Mamie Lou and her husband, the Reverend John Wesley Nance served as an Associate Pastor at the First Baptist Church of South Orange where both John and his younger brother James received their Baptism. Many of his family members migrated to New York City and he made this his second home; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., graduated from Fielding South Orange Junior High and Columbia High School and after spending a year at Rider University he enlisted in the United States Airforce as a Medic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., was stationed in California and Morocco, North Africa in active duty from 1952 to 1956. Upon his Expiration Term of Service from the Airforce, he returned to college earning his Bachelor's Degree from Bloomfield College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., was very proud of the opportunity to become an initial social worker at the Kilmer Job Corp under President Johnson's "Great Society" initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., would rise to hold supervisory positions at Orange Opportunity Corp and the Hey House while earning an MA in Psychology and an MSW at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He finally earned his PhD in Psychology and Social Work from Rutgers University having also done course work at Columbia University in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., was an adventurer and he received his pilot's license, with his daughter Tracey in tow. He loved to travel and was a food and wine connoisseur. He was charismatic and always had a welcoming smile. A critical thinker, he expected others to rise to the challenge of excellence, and made no excuses for mediocrity. He also loved jazz, played tennis, and unbeknownst to some outside the family, he was an accomplished vocalist who recorded a song as a child; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., was awarded a grant during the 1970's that he wrote to build a juvenile delinquency center in Atlantic County which he would name the facility "Harbor Fields", and he became the first African American Department Head in the history of the Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., sat on the Board of Trustees at Rowan University, formerly known as Glassboro College; and on the Board of Trustees for Atlantic Shore Hospital, the Kiwanis Club and many more too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., was affectionately known as Grandpapa and Pop Pop, loved being a grandfather and in 2011 he relocated to Montclair, New Jersey until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., leaves to mourn his departure, his former wife and mother of his oldest daughter, Anita Hawkins Cosby, daughter Tracey S. Cosby, Esq., mother of youngest daughter, Anne Evans; daughter, Kellei Cosby (Lvaylo); granddaughter Zahra Small; grandsons, Isiah and Gabriel Cosby Katovski; niece, Felicia Cosby; lifelong brothers, Everett Felder, Raymond Cubino and Kenneth Han, and a host of family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr., and offers their heartfelt condolences to his family.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. John W. Cosby, Jr.

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Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_  
 Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second by Freeholder \_\_\_\_\_

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No.	N.V.	ABS
BOBADILLA					RICHARDSON				
GILL, V.P.					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON					TORO				
JONES									
LUCIANO					TIMBERLAKE, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was ( ) adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on \_\_\_\_\_

Is Publication Required ( ) Yes ( ) No

Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

Britnee N. Timberlake, President